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OF THE  
MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION



TO THE  
GOVERNOR OF MONTANA  
HONORABLE FORREST H. ANDERSON

FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 1972

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The Honorable Forrest H. Anderson  
Governor  
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Dear Governor Anderson:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 82-4002, R.C.M. 1947, there is herewith submitted to you the report for the Montana Horse Racing Commission, covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972.

Major accomplishments during the year included:

- \*\* Establishment of 16 racing meets over the period
- \*\* Establishment of better control over tracks by imposition of stiff penalties and fines for violations of rules and regulations.
- \*\* Adoption of new rules of racing to better supervise racing industry.
- \*\* Increased racing days and facilities, with subsequent economical benefits to the State relating to tourism and recreational attractions.
- \*\* Completed Legislative Audit of books and records of Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "B. A. Fisher", is written over the typed name.


Bill Fisher  
Chairman

BF:hw



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## LEGAL REFERENCES

### GENERALLY:

The statutes relating to the operations of the Montana Horse Racing Commission are contained in Sections 52-501 through 62-514, R.C.M. 1947, known as the Horse Racing Act. Under the Reorganization Act passed during the 1971 Legislative Session, Section 82A-1602(13), the Commission is renamed and continued as the Board of Horse Racing under the supervision of the Department of Professional and Occupational Licensing.

There were no court actions involving the Commission during the fiscal year.



## PRINCIPAL GOALS

To license, regulate and supervise all racing meets and racing personnel within the State of Montana.

To promulgate rules and regulations governing racing meets and parimutuel betting in the State to assure the utmost protection of the betting public.

To encourage the breeding of race horses within the State.

To establish dates for race meets to the best interests of the breeding and racing industry of the State of Montana.



## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 1. Rules of Racing.

New Rules of Racing were formulated and adopted by the Commission, providing more effective means for regulating and controlling race meets and racing personnel within the State. The newly adopted rules were designed to better protect the betting public, to eliminate conflicts within previous rules, and to clarify duties, obligations, violations, penalties and all other phases of racing so that future racing meets will operate more efficiently and fairly for all concerned.

### 2. Racing Dates Established.

Racing dates were set upon application duly made to the Commission, in accordance with Section 62-507, R.C.M. 1947, for the following 16 licensed tracks:

Helena	July 2-5, 9-11	1971
Sidney	July 4-5	"
Shelby (Marias)	July 22-25	"
State Fair	July 31, Aug. 1-7	"
Phillips Co.	Aug. 6-8	"
Midland Empire	Aug. 9-15	"
Glasgow (NE)	Aug. 12-14	"
*Fallon County	Aug. 14-15	"
Rosebud County	Aug. 16-18	"
Kalispell (NW)	Aug. 19-22	"
Dawson County	Aug. 21-22	"
Missoula (Wst)	Aug. 25-29	"
*Chouteau County	Aug. 28-29	"
Ravalli County	Sept. 2-4	"
Miles City	May 13-14, 20-21, 27-28	1972
Big Sky (GF)	June 9-11, 16-18, 23-25	1972

\* Didn't run

The 1971-72 fy comprised a total of 66 racing days and resulted in a total mutuel handled of \$2,457,214.00, representing an increase of \$356,071.00, or 16.95%, over the previous fiscal year.



## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Cont.)

Attached to this report is a complete parimutuel report for the fiscal year, setting forth in detail a breakdown of the parimutuel operations for the period.

### 3. Licensing.

A total of 1,595 licenses were issued to persons connected with racing during the fiscal year, yielding fees of \$8,026.20. Whereas in past years all licensing was accomplished at the track sites by the Steward in attendance, during this fiscal year a program was initiated to issue renewal applicants (i.e., persons who had previously been licensed in the State) with licenses from the Helena office, with the approval of the Steward. This program was designed to eliminate confusion at the tracks, reduce the work load on the Steward, and expedite license issuing. Following is a breakdown of licenses issued:

Owners	344	\$1,720.00
Trainers	81	405.00
Owner-Trainers	278	2,776.00
Jockeys	77	385.00
Jockey Apprentices	7	35.00
Officials	61	350.00
Occupational	669	1,988.00
Jockey Agent	9	45.00
Stable Names	7	70.00
Days for Tote Co.	62	310.00
TOTALS:	1,595	\$8,084.00
Less bad checks		-55.00
Less Canadian discount		- 2.80
NET RECEIVED:		\$8,026.20





# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Cont.)

## 4. Promotion of Breeding in Montana.

A total of 187 races, or 31.75% of all races held during the fiscal year, were won by Montana bred horses, resulting in a payment of \$5,011.98 to the breeders of such horses (10% of winning purse), in accordance with Section 62-509, R.C.M. 1947. The Montana Bred Winners Report is as follows:

<u>Racing Meet</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Races Run</u>	<u>Mont. Bred Winners</u>	<u>Returned to Breeder</u>
Helena (Capital City)	7/71	74	28	\$ 874.00
Sidney Saddle Club	7/71	16	NO REPORT FILED	
Shelby (Marias Fair)	7/71	35	15	218.50
State Fair (Gr. Falls)	8/71	81	31	1,260.00
Phillips Co. Fair	8/71	19	NO REPORT FILED	
Midland Empire Fair (Blgs)	8/71	71	18	615.50
Glasgow (NE Fair)	8/71	19	4	38.00
Rosebud County Fair	8/71	17	4	38.00
Kalispell (NW Fair)	8/71	37	19	346.63
Dawson County Fair	8/71	14	3	28.50
Missoula (Western)	8/71	44	18	802.95
Ravalli County Fair	8/71	22	8	95.40
Miles City (Cow Capital)	5/72	53	9	49.50
Big Sky (Great Falls)	6/72	87	30	645.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>589</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>\$5,011.98</b>



## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Cont.)

### 5. Policing of Race Meets.

Three State Stewards were hired on contract to the Commission to supervise all racing meets, and were paid through the Central Payroll System of the State of Montana. A Parimutuel Supervisor was also employed by contract to supervise betting operations at the larger tracks.

Stringent penalties were imposed for violations of rules and regulations by licensees of the Commission, resulting in suspensions of licenses in some cases, as well as a total of 34 fines levied, totalling \$1,275.00, of which amount \$925.00 was collected during the fiscal year.

The Industrial Laboratories of Denver, Colorado, conducted lab tests of urine samples of winning horses for the Commission. A total of 566 lab tests were run, the urine sample being taken at the track by the licensed track veterinarian immediately after each race. Four positive lab tests showing the presence of a drug were made, with the following action being taken by the Commission:

1. Procaine, July 1971: Owner-Trainer Starnes suspended for 20 days; horse disqualified
2. Dypyrone, August 1971: Veterinarian Doran fined \$250.00; horse disqualified and suspended from further races until cleared by licensed vet.
3. Procaine, May 1972: Trainer Bagnell suspended for 15 days; horse disqualified
4. Procaine, June 1972: Trainer Boren suspended for 15 days; Fined \$250.00; Horse disqualified.



## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Cont.)

### 6. Forms Revised.

A complete revision of all license applications, parimutuel reporting and data forms was accomplished to provide more accurate accounting of all facets of the racing industry. Form sizes were designed to conform to letter-size file folders, thus making records more transportable and efficient for the traveling Stewards.

### 7. Legislative Audit Completed.

The Legislative Audit was completed, resulting in improvements in handling of financial records, receipt and deposit of monies, policing at the tracks, hiring of personnel, and various other aspects of regulation.



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### LICENSING:

#### GOALS:

To license all personnel connected with the operation of racing meets in the State of Montana, in accordance with Section 62-505, R.C.M. 1947.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

Every effort was made to assure that all racing personnel were qualified and competent. Applications were secured for all licenses and are on file in the Commission offices. Monies for licenses were received either in the Helena office or in the field at track sites. Monies collected in the field were deposited daily by the Stewards, with duplicate deposit receipts and copies of license receipts being sent to the Helena office for accurate recording in the license register and collection reporting to the State Treasurer. A triplicate license receipt book was used, the original receipt issued to the Licensee, one copy sent to the Helena office, and one copy retained by the Steward for his permanent file.

#### PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>
Licenses issued:	1,286	1,595
Monies received:	\$6,488.00	\$8,026.20

### SUPERVISION OF RACING MEETS:

#### GOALS:

To supervise all race meets held in the State under the terms of the Horse Racing Act, in accordance with Section 62-506.





## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

One or more Commission member was present at each racing meet.

The State Steward personally worked each meet and was responsible for approval of all license applications, supervision and inspection of track operations, and action in regard violations of rules and regulations of the Commission. A State Parimutuel Supervisor was in attendance at meets where deemed necessary.

Fines and suspensions were levied for violations of rules and regulations. Appeals from rulings were heard before the Commission, transcripts of hearings being on record in the Commission offices. The Commission attorney, Mr. Richard W. Heard, acted as Hearings Officer for such proceedings.

### PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:

Thirty-four fines, in the amount of \$1,275.00, were levied, as well as numerous suspensions. Upon written requests from tracks, efforts were made by the Commission to collect bad checks written at the tracks by racing personnel, a warning being issued to licensees concerning financial responsibility regulations of the Commission.

Performance is further indicated by the "Parimutuel Report" attached to this report.

## REGULATION OF RACING

### GOALS:

To assure that the rules and regulations of the Commission are upheld in the best interests of the betting public and the



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

racing industry.

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

Racing dates were set by the Commission, upon application, so as not to create conflicts and thereby deplete entries and attendance at meets. In this connection, a public hearing on dates was conducted at the Commission offices in Helena in March, 1972, following which types of races held on overlapping dates were adjusted so as best promote the sport of racing throughout the State. (For example, the Midland Empire Fair agreed to run only Thoroughbred races on the dates the Flathead County Fair was running Quarterhorse races, thereby assuring attendance at both races.)

Laboratory tests were made (urine samples) on all winning entries to assure that no drugs had been used on the horses. Notification of positive tests were made immediately by Industrial Laboratories, Denver, Colorado, to the State Steward or Commission Secretary. Tests were run at track expense (no expense to the Commission).

Meetings were held throughout the year by the Commission, as needed, for the conduct of its business. Hearings were held on appeal from licensees, and appellees were promptly notified, in writing, of Commission decisions thereto.

### PROMOTION OF RACING IN MONTANA:

#### GOAL:

To promote the sport of racing in the State and to encourage Montana breeding of race horses.



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

While 66 racing days were provided during this fiscal year as compared to 76 racing days for the fiscal year last past, it was noted that the larger tracks showed an increase in pari-mutuel handle (and an increase in number of racing days). Five tracks elected not to run during the 1971-72 fy, being Fort Benton (North Central Racing Association) -- not licensed by the Commission due to outstanding debts; Fallon County Fair; Lewistown; North Central Racing Association, Shelby; and Chouteau County Fair. One new race meet was recorded during the period, being Phillips County Fair, Dodson, Montana.

### PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:

An increase in parimutuel handle was recorded over the last fy, as follows:

1970-71	\$2,101,143.00
1971-72	\$2,457,214.00

This represents an increase of \$356,071.00, or \$16.95%. See attached parimutuel report for complete breakdown by track.

## ADMINISTRATION OF STATUTE

### GOAL:

To provide the most economical and efficient administration of the Horse Racing Act, and to keep records as specifically required in Section 62-504, R.C.M. 1947.

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

Provided full time secretarial and bookkeeping services at the Helena headquarters, working with the State Department of Administration and its various subdivisions, under the



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (Cont.)

supervision and direction of the Commission.

Maintained current filing system for efficient reference to Commission records.

Handled all correspondence for Commission, prepared transcripts of hearings, maintained up-to-date Minute book of all Commission meetings. Established monthly reconciliation of income and expenditures for more effective control of budget and finances. Supplied pertinent data relative to Montana racing to the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, the American Quarter Horse Association, and other related associations, for permanent record thereof.





# PROGRAM COST SUMMARY

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>1970-71 fy</u>	<u>1971-72 fy</u>	<u>Increase or (Decrease)</u>
Personal Services	-0-	\$ 2,750.80	\$2,750.80
Operations	\$21,441.66	23,713.01	2,271.35
Capital	240.56	-0-	(240.56)
Refunds	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(100.00)</u>
TOTALS:	\$21,782.22	\$26,463.81	\$4,681.59

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

License Fees	\$ 6,488.00	\$ 8,026.20	\$1,538.20
1% Parimutuel Fee	21,011.45	23,621.62	2,610.17
Fines	(	925.00	(
Rule Books	(4,043.59	7.50	(6,649.73
Cash Balance carried forward	(		(
	<u>(</u>	<u>9,760.82</u>	<u>(</u>
TOTAL Cash on Hand During fiscal year	\$31,543.04	\$42,341.14	\$10,798.10
LESS EXPENDITURES:	<u>21,782.22</u>	<u>26,463.81</u>	<u>4,681.59</u>
TOTAL Cash balance carried forward to new fiscal year	\$ 9,760.82	\$15,877.33	\$ 6,116.51



## MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

## PARI-MUTUEL REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 1971 - June 30, 1972

Date	Track	No. Days	Total Handle	Daily Average	Track Com- mission	MHRC Com- mission	Breakage	Public Pay-off	% Re- turn	1970-71 Handle	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Up/ (Down)
7/71	Helena (Cap.)	7	331,923.00	47,417.57	66,384.60	3,319.23	3,655.90	260,735.80	78.55	211,223.00	120,700.00	57.14
8/71	Dawson Co.	2	12,034.00	6,017.00	2,406.80	120.62	99.60	9,532.40	79.21	9,570.00	2,464.00	25.74
7/71	Shelby (Marias)	4	75,235.00	18,808.75	15,047.00	752.35	898.40	59,137.70	78.60	55,433.00	19,802.00	35.72
8/71	Glasgow (NE)	3	17,902.00	5,967.33	3,580.40	179.02	245.70	14,075.90	78.63	16,704.00	1,198.00	7.17
8/71	Kalispell (NW)	4	103,912.00	25,978.00	20,782.40	1,039.12	1,260.50	81,880.10	78.80	87,321.00	16,591.00	19.00
8/71	Phillips Co.	3	13,453.00	4,484.33	2,690.60	134.53	193.80	10,599.80	78.79	-0-	13,453.00	100.00*
9/71	Ravalli Co.	3	38,774.00	12,924.66	7,754.80	387.74	523.00	30,521.90	78.72	35,744.00	3,030.00	8.48
8/71	Rosebud Co.	3	6,282.00	2,094.00	1,256.40	62.82	16.20	5,009.40	79.74	5,434.00	848.00	15.61
7/71	Sidney Saddle	2	12,334.00	6,167.00	2,466.80	123.34	217.20	9,675.60	78.45	12,009.00	326.00	2.71
8/71	State Fair (GF)	8	606,280.00	75,785.00	121,256.00	6,062.53	5,428.20	479,595.80	79.10	596,736.00	9,544.00	1.59
8/71	Missoula (Wst)	5	170,373.00	34,074.60	34,074.60	1,703.73	2,210.10	134,091.70	78.70	122,474.00	47,899.00	39.11
8/71	Midland Emp.	7	492,865.00	70,409.28	98,573.00	4,928.65	5,131.10	389,160.90	78.95	392,967.00	99,898.00	25.42
5/72	Miles City	6	82,029.00	13,671.50	16,405.80	820.29	1,131.50	64,786.00	78.98	49,974.00	32,055.00	39.70
6/72	Big Sky (GF)	9	493,818.00	54,868.67	98,763.60	4,938.18	4,506.50	390,860.20	79.15	350,885.00	142,933.00	28.94
	Fort Benton (NC)		DIDN'T RUN							86,654.00	(86,654.00)	(100.00)
	Fallon County		DIDN'T RUN							7,594.00	( 7,594.00)	(100.00)
	Lewistown		DIDN'T RUN							12,880.00	(12,880.00)	(100.00)
	No.Cent. (Shelby)		DIDN'T RUN							38,810.00	(38,810.00)	(100.00)
	Chouteau County		DIDN'T RUN							8,732.00	( 8,732.00)	(100.00)

\* New race held during fiscal year

Indicates Total Pari-Mutuel Handle during fiscal year 1971-72 increased 16.95% over 1970-71 fy.





